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APPOINTMENT OF DULLES FAVORABLY RECEIVED IN JAPAN:
Japanese press reaction to the appointment of Mr. Dulles as Secretary of State has been enthusiastic. "Asahi," Japan's foremost newspaper, states that he, "more than any other man, can help smooth matters between the US and Japan."

Conservative political party spokesmen have been unanimous in predicting more friendly relations as a result of the appointment, as well as a generally sterner American attitude toward world Communism. The only reported critical comment came from an official of the neutralist Left-wing Socialist Party who stated that "the appointment should serve as a warning against false hopes for an improvement of US treatment of Japan."

An unofficial statement attributed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs says that the appointment assures the Japanese people that there will be no basic change in US policies toward Japan. Stronger defense measures, however, may be anticipated.

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